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SUBJECT: UN BUDGET - PROPOSED DEMARCHE TO SYG

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1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL DEPTOFF HENNES AND MISOFFS
SADDLER AND CUNNINGHAM MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF UK,
FRANCE, JAPAN AND FRG TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF
COORDINATED DEMARCHE TO SYG ON 1980-81 UN REGULAR
BUDGET.

2. POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL WERE RAISED AND PRELIMINARY
REACTIONS WERE POSITIVE BUT ALL REPS INDICATED THEY
WOULD INFORM THEIR CAPITALS OF USG CONCERNS AND SEEK
INSTRUCTIONS. IT WAS FELT THAT RESPONSES SHOULD BE IN
BY SEPTEMBER 6 AND GROUP SHOULD MEET AGAIN AND TAKE
UP SUBJECT.

3. PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS PROVIDED FOLLOWING INITIAL
REACTIONS BY PARTICIPANTS:

A. DEMARCHE ON 1980-81 BUDGET SHOULD BE MADE AT PERMREP
LEVEL AND LIMITED TO STATEMENT OF GENERAL CONCERNS.

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B. DEMARCHE SHOULD BE MADE INDIVIDUALLY BY FIVE DURING
PERHAPS ONE WEEK PERIOD PRIOR TO END SEPTEMBER.
JOINT AIDE MEMOIRE COULD BE DRAFTED AND LEFT WITH SYG
DETAILING GENERAL CONCERNS OVER INCREASES IN UN BUDGETS.

C. REACTIONS TO USG ZERO PROGRAM GROWTH SUGGESTION

WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT INSTRUCTIONS. FRANCE SUGGESTED
ALTERNATIVE APPROACH MIGHT BE SIMPLY TO SEEK FLAT
PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN BUDGET (SAY TEN PERCENT) FOR
PROGRAM, INFLATION AND ALL OTHER FACTORS. SUPPORT
FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF GA RES 3534(XXX), 31/93 AND
32/201 WAS CLEARLY EVIDENT.

D. OTHER LIKE-MINDED DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (E.G. CANADA,
BELGIUM AND ITALY) SHOULD BE ADVISED OF MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR
DEMARCHE.

E. CONCERNS WERE EXPRESSED OVER INVITING USSR JOIN IN
DEMARCHE IN LIGHT POSSIBLE LDC BACKLASH AND COUNTER
INITIATIVES ALTHOUGH POINT WOULD BE MADE TO CAPITALS
THAT SOVIET PARTICIPATION MIGHT HAVE GREATER EFFECT
THIS YEAR BECAUSE IT WOULD INDICATE THAT ISSUE WAS
IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO TRANSCEND COOLER RELATIONS. IT
WAS ALSO FELT THAT PRC NOT LIKELY ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH
DEMARCHE.

F. DEMARCHE SHOULD BE HANDLED FIRMLY BUT WITH DISCRETION
LEAST IT GENERATE OVER-KILL REACTION.

G. IMPACT OF GA APPROVING A MEDIUM TERM PLAN CALLING
FOR TWO PERCENT (OR MORE) GROWTH FACTOR SHOULD BE
CAREFULLY ASSESSED AND POINT WAS MADE THAT FIVE SHOULD
INDICATE POSITION ON BUDGET GROWTH IN CPC
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AS AN INITIAL STEP.

4. USUN WILL PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS AFTER MEETING
SCHEDULED FOR WEEK SEPTEMBER 4-8.
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